

“The Follow Jesus Project”

Monday, Dec. 7

Scriptures to read:

Jeremiah 31, Matthew 2:13-23

Thoughts to consider:

Jeremiah 31:15 is quoted in Matthew chapter two. It has a twofold fulfillment ... one which was more immediate for Jeremiah's contemporaries and one which would be fulfilled after the birth of Jesus. Herod's atrocities made for a dark day in Bible history. What strikes you about the remainder of Jeremiah 31? Would you say overall that Jeremiah 31 is a passage of sorrow or a passage of joy? What personal insights can you discern from this?

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Scriptures to read:

Exodus 1:8-22, Acts 7:17-21

Thoughts to consider:

What similarities, if any, do you see between the birth of Jesus and the birth of Moses? What comes to mind when you contemplate the special action of God taken to preserve the lives of these two deliverers? Do you think these stories have any relevance or meaning specifically to your life?

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Scriptures to read: Colossians 3:1-17, Philippians 3:19-20

Thoughts to consider:

It often helps when we face trials to develop a heavenly mindset not and earthly mindset. Can you think of some situations in your life right now that look better through the lenses of heaven? What will you do to incorporate this kind of thinking into your inner person and character?

Thursday, Dec. 10

Scriptures to read: Hebrews 11:1-40

Thoughts to consider:

A couple of weeks ago we acknowledged that in the great faith chapter of Hebrews 11, there is both a definition and demonstrations of faith. The first two verses hold the definition and the remainder of the chapter flushes out the definition with demonstration. What are some specific ways you can demonstrate faith in this season of your life?

Friday, Dec. 11

Scriptures to read: Hebrews 13:1-25

Thoughts to consider:

It's no secret that Christians suffer just as much as non-Christians. God does not exempt believers from disease and economic downturn and from the heartaches of life. Hebrews 13 provides some practical responses to the difficulties of our fellow human beings. Which of these descriptions will you focus on this season?

Saturday, Dec. 12

Scriptures to read: Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-20

Thoughts to consider:

Does the description of events in these two passages sound like a "Silent Night" to you? Some say Joseph is an unsung hero in this story. Do you agree? Why or why not? How would you have responded in Mary's shoes or in Joseph's places?

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